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ANOTHER STAMPEDE.

Discovery of Development Work on Mayor Creek Caused Rush of Miners.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Dawson advices of November 28th tells of a great stampede that is going on to the Mayo creek in the Stomont River district. Prospectors

wandering in the country late in the summer discovered evidence of several years' development on the Mayo, but no one was around, the operators evidently having gone out for the winter. Cabins

well stocked with provisions and tools were found. The news started the stampede, and now the creek is staked from end to end, the original locators having

failed to record their claims, and will return to find out that they have no holdings in the district. It is not known in Dawson how rich the pay dirt is, the sole reason for the rush being the mysterious developments.

DARING ROBBERY.

Three Men Got Away With Sack of Registered Mail.

(Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—During robbery of United States registered mail occurred last night at the doors of the old post office building at Third and Olive streets. Oscar Kelling, driver of a mail wagon, was knocked down with the butt

end of a revolver by three men as he was leaving the building, and robbed of a sack of registered mail, which he was taking outside. The robbers succeeded in escaping with their booty before Kelling could give the alarm. The lobby of the post office was crowded with people at the time, and the sidewalk thronged with men returning home from business. The exact value of the contents of the lost sack is not known.

DUKE'S MISSION.

Has Acquired Two Cigarette Companies and Will Buy Factories in Russia.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The Klein Journal says: "Duke, of the American Tobacco Cigarette Co., of Dresden, and also Kyrias Bros., of Berlin. Two other

brands, success, a German and Serbian, will be amalgamated, and then be absorbed by the American Tobacco Company. Mr. Duke, who has been spending several days in Berlin, has gone to St. Petersburg for the purpose of buying cigarette factories."

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS

Have Left London to Visit Lord Mount Stephen.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 18.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have left London for Brockton hall, Hatfield, where they will be the guests of Lord Mount Stephen, cable the London correspondent of the Tribune. It is considered highly appropriate that the correspondent, first one of their first country visits on returning from their tour around the world should be to the man who for many years was the head of the Canadian Pacific railway over which they have travelled so much.

CREW RESCUED.

Sailors Taken From Stranded Steamer in Life Boat.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 18.—Additional dispatches received here from Marseilles announce that 46 of the members of the crew of 52 men belonging to the French steamer Kieher, ashore east of the mouth of the river Rhone, have been rescued through the use of life boats. The captain and other officers of the Kieher have refused to leave the vessel.

WILL SUPPORT BODWELL.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—While in Vancouver on Tuesday, Col. Prior, of the G. Tatlow, M. L. A., regarding his support or otherwise of E. V. Bodwell. Mr. Tatlow replied that although he was a Conservative, he was not left for him to support Mr. Bodwell as against Hon. J. Dunsmuir.

A canvass of thieving Christmas goods exists here. Thieves are being driven out of Seattle and have headed for the Coast.

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THE RIFLES.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The train taking troops who have Vancouver on December 25th, picking men as it comes along. It is understood that Major Woodside, of Dawson, has got a commission in the Mounted Rifles.

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MARCONI AND THE CABLE COMPANY

INVENTOR AWAITING NEWS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Fears Company May Prohibit Him From Engaging in Commercial Business in Newfoundland.

(Associated Press.)

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 18.—Marconi this morning is awaiting a cable message from London announcing the result of the negotiations between his agents and Anglo-American Cable Company. The inventor fears the latter will insist that he cannot engage in commercial business here until after the expiration of their monopoly. Marconi is not prepared to agree to such a condition, believing he can affect means for signalling between Cornwall and Nova Scotia within a few months. He has now practically decided to visit Nova Scotia on Sunday, but this does not necessarily mean that he will abandon Newfoundland if the Anglo-American Company proves reasonably

Supt. Mackay, manager of the Anglo-American Company, in this city, denies he proposed to Governor Boyle yesterday against the latter visiting the Marconi station. He merely admits calling upon the governor, but says the call was in regard to another aspect, a purely social one, of Marconi's affairs, and that nothing in the nature of protest transpired. It is certain, however, that the cabinet met yesterday forenoon prior to visiting Signal Hill, and discussed whether to go there or not. The Premier, Sir Robert Bond, says the government decided to support Marconi while his work is experimental, on the ground that its scientific value should be ascertained in the interest of the whole world, without taking sides in the controversy.

EDISON'S TRIBUTE.

New York, Dec. 18.—At the laboratory at West Orange, N. J., Thomas Edison authorized the following statement concerning Wm. Marconi's feat in receiving wireless telegraph communications from England:

"Since Marconi has stated over his own signature that he has received the signals from England I believe him, and I think he will carry it to a commercial success. It is a great achievement, and he is a great experimenter."

THE JACKSONS ON TRIAL.

They Plead Not Guilty at the Old Bailey Today.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—Theodore and Laura Jackson (Ann Odella de Debari), pleaded not guilty when arraigned at the Old Bailey this morning to stand trial on the charges which have been so fully threshed out in the Marylebone police court. The prisoners were not defended. There was a very large crowd in the court room, and in the vicinity of the court when the solicitor-general, Sir Edward Carson, opened the case, reviewing the points already published. Discussing the working of the "Theatricals Act," Sir Edward charged the prisoners as "Hellish gang."

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE.

Snow Storms Raging in the United Kingdom—Several Wrecks Reported.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—A snow blizzard is raging to-day over practically the whole of Scotland and parts of England, and Wales, and the roads and railways are blocked. Many country districts are isolated, and in others work has been suspended on account of the weather. There have been several deaths from exposure, and numbers of minor shipwrecks have been reported.

DIED FROM WOUNDS.

Man Was Shot During a Riot at West Scranton.

(Associated Press.)

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—Daniel McAniff, one of the three men shot in a riot at West Scranton, by Scranton Railway Company officers, who were attacking imported motormen and conductors, died to-day at the Lackawanna hospital. Detective Gosgrove, of New York, who was with the riot, charged with the fatal shooting.

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ANOTHER REDUCTION.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 18.—The American Sugar Refining Co. to-day reduced soft grades of refined sugar ten points.

KRITZINGER A PRISONER.

Taken By French When Trying to Break the Blockhouse at Cordon.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Belfast about half way between Pretoria and the frontier of Portuguese South Africa, received here to-day, announces that Commandant Krizinger, the famous Boer commander, who figured so prominently in connection with the invasion of Cape Colony, has been captured, badly wounded, by General French. Krizinger was trying to break the blockhouse cordon at Hanover road.

Recruiting at Rossland.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 17.—A recruiting officer of the Canadian Mounted Infantry will be in this city on Monday next to raise ten more men for the corps. This is quite exclusive of the proposed packers section, for which ten more would be recruited at Nelson on Tuesday next and ten more at Fort Steele on Wednesday of next week.

COMMISSIONS.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Major Leckie, of Vancouver, has received instruction to resign in the Kootenays for South Africa. He and his brother, Lieut. Leckie, have received commissions.

AGAINST ANARCHY.

Measure Introduced To-day in the United States House of Representatives.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—Chairman Ray, of the house committee on judiciary, to-day introduced an anti-anarchy measure, which probably will be the basis of legislation on that subject in the house. The measure provides that death be the penalty for assaults on the President or other executive officers. It is made a felony to advise or teach the overthrow of the government or any interference with government officers. The death penalty also is provided for conspiracies in this country leading to the killing of a foreign King, Emperor, President or other ruler.

QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Spanish treaty claims commission to-day heard arguments in support and in opposition to a contention of the government counsel that the commission has no jurisdiction under the Paris treaty of claims growing out of the sinking of the battleship Maine. The argument was opened by F. P. Morse, counsel for the government, and he was followed by C. Butler in behalf of the claimants.

ROBERTS'S SUCCESSOR.

London Paper Says the Duke of Connaught Will Be Next Commander-in-Chief.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—Vanity Fair says it hears on excellent authority that Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of the forces, contemplates leaving the war office in April, and that he will be succeeded by the Duke of Connaught.

WILL TAKE NO ACTION.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Ontario cabinet has decided to take no action on the petition of some 2,350 citizens of Ottawa praying that the disqualification of ex-Mayor Morris for a breach of the law respecting drinking in hotels after hours be removed.

LOST IN FOREST.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—Jerry La Pierre, an aged resident of West Chezzetcook, is lost in the forest whither he went last Thursday to attend rabbit snares. It is feared he has succumbed to the violent storm last night. Searching parties are being organized.

SUFFERING FROM SMALLPOX.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—The wife of Dr. W. D. Finn, city medical health officer, has been removed to the smallpox hospital suffering from that disease contracted, it is thought, from her husband who has been engaged in the examination of smallpox patients.

COPPER REDUCED.

Prices Have Been Brought Down One and a Half Cents.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 18.—It was announced in Wall street to-day that the United Metals selling company, who handle the output of the Anaconda smelter, have reduced the price of the standard metal to a level of about 15 cents from the rate fixed last Friday. The reduction was also made in the quoted prices for now 14 cents for Lake copper, 15 cents for electrolytic, and 13 cents for casting.

No Settlement.

London, Dec. 18.—No settlement has been arrived at in the copper situation. A representative of the Associated Press learned to-day on the highest authority that the officials of the Rio Tinto Co. look forward to an arrangement being made between the Anaconda producers before any settlement is made with the European interests.

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**AN ABLE ADDRESS ON
CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM**

**Rev. Elliott S. Rowe Criticizes Present
Social Conditions and Suggests
a Remedy For Them.**

There was a disappointingly small audience in the Victoria West Methodist church last night, when the second of the series of lectures being given in that suburb in connection with the reading room was given by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. The inclemency of the weather doubtless had an effect on the attendance.

Rev. Mr. Barber occupied the chair, and expressed regret in his opening remarks on the failure of the people of Victoria West to cultivate the lecture going habit.

Rev. Elliott S. Rowe said in opening that Socialism had been associated with some things with which he condemned. Christian Socialism expresses the function and fruits of religion as applied to social life, and also a certain form of action. It held that men should be held together by Christian principles. Socialism could only be achieved by the influence of Christianity upon the hearts of men. Without this element of Christianity Socialism would be something from which they would shrink.

Christian Socialism expresses the men should have the same opportunities. It was the extreme opposite of individualism, where the interests of the individual were paramount.

The individual held that each man should have absolute liberty of contract, irrespective of the state. The Socialist sought to prevent the subjugation of one class by another. It thus aimed at curtailing capitalism by various legislative steps. In connection with the latter, the speaker recalled the abuses in regard to the employment of minors and women in industrial pursuits, which led to the original enactment of labor laws.

It had been held that this would breed anarchy, but anarchy never rose from Christian principles.

The Christian Socialist was an optimist, who believed that the pains of society are growing, and not deep, pains. He believed that the truth would ultimately prevail.

He was also no dreamer, and he worked to consummate the object in view. He held the world to be for the development and culture of men. The average intelligence, comfort and morality, should be made the basis of estimating national proportions, instead of acres and dollars. He held, too, that nature's goods should be equitably divided.

The question of bread lay at the basis of all human necessity. The Socialist held that every man willing to work

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**Queen City Brings No News of Wreck-
age on Island Coast—Invention
to Raise Islander.**

By tomorrow A. Piers, superintendent of the steamship department of the C. P. R., will have completed his inspection of the vessels of the fleet in this port, and will leave for his home in Montreal. He has gone over the Tees, Danube and Charmer, and yesterday, in company with Capt. Troup, he went over the Hating as she lies on Bullen's marine ways in this city, and thoroughly inspected the improvements effected to that vessel.

The result is said to have been most satisfactory to Mr. Piers. Advantage has been taken of the enforced idleness of the Hating to make such improvements, additional to those made imperative by the accident in Sabine channel, as the experience of the past season suggested. The boats have been given attention as well as the hull, and a first-class job throughout has been effected by the contractors. The Hating, as a result of her overhaul, will be finer and faster than ever when she takes the water on Saturday, for it is expected that her occupancy of the ways will terminate on that day.

This is the first occasion upon which Mr. Piers has had an opportunity of inspecting the newly-acquired fleet of his company, although previously he was familiar with the Empress liners, the Athenian, Tartar and the Australian boats. His visit will give him a much more accurate knowledge of the needs of the coast in regard to transportation matters, and will doubtless have its effect when he comes to finally pass on the plans for the new ferry boat and for the Skagway steamer.

These plans, it is stated, have not yet been completed. The English firms were invited to submit tentative designs, and a number of these are now before the railway authorities with a view to adapting from them two which will be suitable for the services contemplated. These vessels will not be completed this year, but it is likely that the company will make some provision, should business warrant, to put on a vessel temporarily with home port in Victoria, to take the place of the lost Islander. This will be much appreciated by Victorians, who have been dissatisfied with the present arrangement for some time.

NEW INVENTION.

"The Hazard and Stearns diving vessel is the latest thing out to raise the Islander," says the Province, and describes it as "an egg-shaped glass vessel some four or five feet in diameter, made of two-inch moulded glass. Inside this there will be room for men, and a cable and properly weighted sunk to any depth. Air is supplied by tubes connected with pumps on the surface. The vessel above changing its position correspondingly as word is sent by the telephone. A powerful searchlight will play upon the waters, and when the submerged wreck is reached an ingenious scheme of detachable grappling irons allows the hull to be taken hold of and lifted by the wrecking screws on the surface. The egg-shaped glass vessel will stand any possible pressure, being much stronger than steel, and if all the inventor anticipates comes true, the probabilities of the recovery of the deep sea photography and wrecking operations are enormous."

QUEEN CITY RETURNS.

As the Times was going to press yesterday afternoon the steamer Queen City returned from the West Coast, bringing no news of having sighted anything but the collector Mattewman, who is prospecting for the coast; A. S. Going, who has been surveying a road on Barkley Sound for the Copper Island mines; J. E. Sutton, of Week Bay; Mrs. Tilden and Miss Tilden, botanists from Port Renfrew, and Mrs. Redfern, were passengers arriving on the steamer. When the vessel left, Alonseth prepared for a big redoubt were in progress, which is to be held toward the end of the month. The steamer sails on Friday night for Cape Scott and way ports.

TOKA FROM JAPAN.

Several thousand tons of Oriental cargo, including a few hundred tons for Victoria, consigned principally to points in the United States, reached Victoria from the Far East on the steamer Toka Maru this morning. The vessel was a little over fifteen days in crossing the Pacific from Yokohama. She encountered bad weather throughout most of the voyage, strong westerly gales being experienced after leaving Japan, followed by a few fine days then by a succession of storms lasting till port was made. The sun was not sighted for five days of the trip, and the barometer on one

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occasion fell to 28.40. On the voyage home on board the ship, a sea broke forward, carrying away the hatchway and doing other minor damage. A life buoy, and board with the same, was found, this trip, hopes that this, when will not cause any alarm to be for the safety of the ship. The steamer, brought as passengers eight Japanese, Victoria and a few Europeans in the saloon, one being H. M. Sprague, of Bath, Me., who has been in the Imperial customs at Shanghai for the last seven years, and is now going to Seattle.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS.

Thos. C. O'Donnell has resigned the position of purser of the steamship Umatilla. Mr. O'Donnell, who has been an employee of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. for seven years, four years of which he served as purser of the Umatilla, has succeeded to an important position with Capt. Harry Goodall, of San Francisco. When it became known that he was to leave his connection with the company, the officers and employees presented him with a handsome remembrance as a token of their friendship. Harry Lambert, purser of the City of Puebla, is to succeed O'Donnell on the Umatilla. Purser Nutman will be transferred to the steamship Queen, with J. A. Sargent succeeding Lambert on the Puebla.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

Prof. McArdie, chief of the weather bureau, San Francisco, is preparing to install a system of wireless telegraph between ships going and coming at this port by which reports of the weather conditions far off the coast, north and south, can be obtained, thus enabling the forecast of the weather to be as accurate as science can do. It would be a great thing for coasters to know when they had better remain in port, and in this respect her overhaul will be finer and faster than ever when she takes the water on Saturday, for it is expected that her occupancy of the ways will terminate on that day.

ADDITION TO OVERDUE LIST.

The ship Robert Duncan, out seventy-eight days from Wei-Hai-Wai for Puget Sound, has been placed on the overdue list at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, with reinsurance quoted at 40 per cent. An advance of 25 per cent, was made in the rate on the German ship Glenierich, from San Francisco for Portland. The rate on the Renfield, from the coast, is at 10 per cent, on the William Mitchell, from Capetown, for Portland, 20 per cent; on the Anglia, from Newcastle, Australia, for Panama,

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MARINE NOTES.

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TIDE TABLE.
Victoria, B. C., December, 1901.

Date	High Water.			Low Water.		
	T. M.	H. T. M.	H. T. M.	T. M.	H. T. M.	H. T. M.
1 St.	8:22	8:22	10:52	6:17	19:12	10:52
2 M.	8:20	8:22	10:50	6:15	19:10	10:50
3 Tu.	8:24	8:24	11:46	6:15	19:12	11:46
4 W.	9:24	8:24	12:48	6:14	19:10	12:48
5 Th.	10:20	8:20	13:44	6:12	19:08	13:44
6 F.	11:10	8:10	14:30	6:10	19:06	14:30
7 S.	12:00	8:00	15:16	6:08	19:04	15:16
8 Sa.	12:50	7:50	16:02	6:06	19:02	16:02
9 Su.	1:40	7:40	16:48	6:04	19:00	16:48
10 M.	2:30	7:30	17:34	6:02	18:58	17:34
11 Tu.	3:20	7:20	18:20	6:00	18:56	18:20
12 W.	4:10	7:10	19:06	5:58	18:54	19:06
13 Th.	5:00	7:00	19:52	5:56	18:52	19:52
14 F.	5:50	6:50	20:38	5:54	18:50	20:38
15 S.	6:40	6:40	21:24	5:52	18:48	21:24
16 Sa.	7:30	6:30	22:10	5:50	18:46	22:10
17 Su.	8:20	6:20	22:56	5:48	18:44	22:56
18 M.	9:10	6:10	23:42	5:46	18:42	23:42
19 Tu.	10:00	6:00	24:28	5:44	18:40	24:28
20 W.	10:50	5:50	25:14	5:42	18:38	25:14
21 Th.	11:40	5:40	26:00	5:40	18:36	26:00
22 F.	12:30	5:30	26:46	5:38	18:34	26:46
23 S.	1:20	5:20	27:32	5:36	18:32	27:32
24 Sa.	2:10	5:10	28:18	5:34	18:30	28:18
25 Su.	3:00	5:00	29:04	5:32	18:28	29:04
26 M.	3:50	4:50	29:50	5:30	18:26	29:50
27 Tu.	4:40	4:40	30:36	5:28	18:24	30:36
28 W.	5:30	4:30	31:22	5:26	18:22	31:22
29 Th.	6:20	4:20	32:08	5:24	18:20	32:08
30 F.	7:10	4:10	32:54	5:22	18:18	32:54
31 Tu.	8:00	4:00	33:40	5:20	18:16	33:40

The Mammoth

**ALL HAIL THE
HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Just now, most minds are bent upon the somewhat difficult, though always pleasing, problem of what to select, how to obtain, and where to procure, the many things required to gladden their friends and families. It is a time when long pocket-books seem short, and short ones microscopic. We present the following suggestions for gifts in order to help answer the perplexing question in regard to

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A WARNING.

The majority of the electors are too busy just now buying and selling and preparing generally for the holiday season to leave much time for the consideration of political questions. But with the people whose business it is to govern the case is different. They have had a long time now to set their house in order and prepare for the crisis which confronts them. They have sounded probably every man of cabinet rank in the Legislature with a view to pre-ferment, yet the situation remains the same, the ministry is incomplete, and all constitutional precedents and practices are being violated. No candidate satisfactory to the government can be found to uphold its cause in Victoria. Several men of standing have been approached, inducements even extending to ultimate leadership have been held out, but still there is no prospect of a contest in this constituency. What do these well-attested facts indicate? They are clearly convincing evidence that the government has lost the confidence of the country. It is a truly remarkable state of affairs for British Columbia, and indicates that when the smash comes, it will be a very complete one, for the experience up to within the last few years has been that any body of men who managed to secure power, contrived to hold on to it for the allotted term. We would advise the government, therefore, if it intends to persist in its determination to meet the House, not to waste time during the holiday season. For if there can be no success, the Lieut.-Governor has no doubt been making a note of passing events, and it would not be surprising if he were to intimate very early in the new year that the cabinet, positions and the seat in the Legislature must be filled without any further unnecessary loss of time. It is extremely probable also that the government may be induced to alter its determination not to call the House together until the middle of March or the beginning of April. If there were indisputable evidence that the Ministry possessed the confidence of the Legislature of course the case would be different. But there is at least considerable doubt about that, while the repeated failures that have attended the Premier's attempts to complete his cabinet and the hesitation displayed by all and sundry politicians to shoulder the government's burdens in Victoria must have created grave doubts in His Honor's mind as to the measure of confidence the country generally has in the administration. It is not usual for any difficulty to be experienced in inducing men to appeal to the people for their suffrages. There is usually competition of the strongest kind for that honor, especially on a government side. So we say, all things considered, it might be well for the government to prepare to submit its case to the electors of Victoria early in January and to the Legislature at the usual season of the year.

CANADA AND HER NEIGHBORS.

Our extraordinary contemporary, the Expansionist, published in New York, has received so little encouragement in its self-imposed task of bringing about the annexation of Canada to the United States, that it has become ill-natured and spiteful in its general tone. That is all right. We shall try to bear up under the heavy burden of our neighbors' displeasure. The Expansionist cannot understand why Canadians should persist in maintaining their connection with Great Britain in view of the facts revealed by the late census. Our progress has been so slow, and it would have been so much slower if it had not been for the assistance of Americans. All of which may be quite true or the reverse; but after all material prosperity and becoming times are not most to be desired. We will guarantee that nowhere in the world, not even in the United States, will there be found a happier or more contented people, a people with so much to be thankful for or so little to complain of, as in this same despised Canada, whose inhabitants have not enough spirit to throw off the yoke imposed upon them by despotic Britain. It is indeed a great pity that we are so misguided and so stiff-necked as to cling to the skirts of a monarchy and carry the mill-stone about our neck of an obsolete form of government. There is an impression in this country that we govern ourselves. But we suppose the Expansionist knows better. We must be ground down whether we know it or not if our contemporary says so.

The Times has been blamed to some extent for preaching the doctrine of absolute independence of the United States in all things. We are in the unfortunate position of being constantly confronted with the opinions our neighbors hold of us, and it may be that we are somewhat biased thereby. Commenting on a speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the editor of the Expansionist writes:

"No one will deny that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a very clever man, but on the occasion alluded to he seems to have spoken in ignorance or oblivion of a very pertinent fact. Of real native enterprise in Canada there is very little; the wonderful things he claims for Canada are all done with borrowed or invested foreign capital. The only exception is the proportion is American, and no inconsiderable quantity of their exports is of American and not Canadian production."

Perhaps the great harvest in the Northwest is all a myth—a mere figment of the imagination. The New York Sun remarks:

"Even as Canadians," our northern neighbors have only a qualified connection with this continent. Unlike the Mexicans, for instance, who in the large sense are of course Americans, the Canadians are not self-governed people, but a branch of a foreign government to which American soil is always foreign. . . . It may be, nay, it is true, that Canada contains within her borders everything that can tend to make a great nation, but it is not a great nation, or a nation at all, great or little. At least that much everybody knows on this side of the border."

They are a wise people on the other side of the border. The New York World shows in a few sentences how this state of stagnation can be removed:

"If this is the truth, the United States can supply the remedy. If the provinces were made states would they not prosper as Minnesota and Iowa and the Dakotas and Washington have done? The annexation of Canada would be a national and honest expansion for the United States. Does not the finger of Destiny point that way?"

It is indeed a great pity that Canadians cannot appreciate the tender solicitude of their neighbors for their welfare. Expressions of contempt are not likely to produce appreciation, while the feeling that after all we have self-government, that our system is superior to that of the United States, and that in a few years we shall give the most convincing testimony of what is in store for us from a national point of view, reconcile us to the continuation for yet a little while of the present form of government. When the mill-stone becomes too heavy for us we shall appeal to our neighbors for assistance.

ADVOCATES MONOPOLY.

The Vancouver Province, with the superior air which it no doubt considers justifiable by reason of its peculiar position, says at the Times for December 11th, in discussing the proposed construction of a direct railway line from the coast to Kootenay. Our Vancouver contemporary is in some respects a unique creation. It does not believe in competition; it says the more roads the higher the rates and the poorer the service. It has a very ingenious way of arriving at its conclusions. But that path is too tortuous for ordinary people, who have been taught a different lesson by experience, to follow. It would be worth something to obtain the views of the readers of the Province on this question. The editor must have a very poor opinion of the intelligence of his subscribers. There are newspapers in Canada known to be owned by the C. P. R. that have not ventured to print such puerile arguments in favor of the perpetuation of monopoly. The Times believes the people still have faith in the efficacy of competition. Men of eminence in Canada have said that the V. V. & E. road was necessary to the development of British Columbia, and reason seems to favor their contention. The Times does not care a button what company builds the road so long as competition is afforded and the interests of the province are thoroughly safeguarded. Jim Hill may be the arch-enemy of the Canadian, as the Province maintains, but there is no evidence yet in confirmation of the proposition. Wherever his road has penetrated, prosperity has followed. The sections of

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And a large assortment of ELEGANT MIRRORS AND BRUSHES, all of which are particularly suited for Xmas Presents.

We shall be pleased if you will call and examine the goods and note the quality and prices.

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43 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Third Continuation of the Vogel College Advertisement.

What we said previously elucidates our methods of training for business. We are similarly systematic and use practical methods in teaching shorthand and typewriting. We teach Isaac Pitman's system of shorthand, and are their direct correspondents.

We employ one teacher for shorthand and one for typewriting, and the consequence is each branch is given special and particular attention. As shorthand is English written phonetically, it is apt to be destructive to the spelling of the average student. However, we have in our employ two first-class teachers, who by their efforts counteract this. Both of these teachers are of the highest standing, one of these being B. A. of the Toronto and the other a B. A. of McGill University. Of course these teachers do not confine themselves to the teaching of spelling, but give instruction in all that is necessary to make them thoroughly competent. Then, too, we realize that a business education consists of more than a knowledge of shorthand. We would like to point out just here the mistake that so many people make, especially ladies. Induced by the advertisements of private teachers, they fall into the mistake of believing that all they require to place a daughter of a sister into a position is to teach fast and if your daughter's knowledge of business is not now sufficient to make her fast will not aid her, or very slightly, in obtaining employment. Ladies who understand shorthand typewriting only can, as a matter of course, do no other work, and can enter only those offices where they have so much correspondence that they are able to keep a stenographer busy all day. But such offices are, for example, a lawyer's office are very scarce. Merchants' offices are very plentiful, but a merchant, even a busy merchant, cannot keep a stenographer employed continually, and demands other knowledge than the ability to write shorthand.

(To be continued next week.)

New Xmas Goods
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The interior which were practically locked up until the Great Northern set them free seem to be thoroughly satisfied at the change which has been wrought. It is so absurd to suppose that any part of this great province can be kept in perpetuity as a preserve for the C. P. R. that we wonder at the efforts of the Province. A monopoly was guaranteed that road in one province of the Dominion by the Federal government, and the people were so incensed thereat that they actually rose in rebellion. Does our contemporary contend that the progress of Manitoba would have been as rapid if the Northern Pacific and the Canadian Northern had been excluded therefrom? Surely it cannot be so unreasonable. The history of Manitoba is a record of a continuous struggle on the part of that province to free itself from monopoly. The leader in the first anti-monopoly movement in one province is the chief advocate of its perpetuation in another. That is one of the peculiarities of the situation here. Because of the physical formation of British Columbia and the nature of her resources, railways are far more necessary to her progress and development than in the case of the prairie country. Surely when the government which at one time openly stood for monopoly has been so thoroughly convinced that public opinion is antagonistic to it that it must either reverse its opinions or retire it is time for the Province to retreat from its solitary furrow.

The physicians who attended the late President of the United States think as they took in their hands the life of the "most prominent man in the world" their remuneration should bear some relation to the weight of their responsibility. They don't want to submit a bill at all. They would rather leave the whole question in the hands of Congress. Perhaps they are afraid of staggering the humanity of the United States. If Congress fails to do its duty it may precipitate such an inquiry as will make the Schley business appear insignificant.

The candidates for aldermanic honors are descending upon the city in considerable numbers. Messrs. Thornton Fell and F. W. Vincent are the latest "freshmen" to announce themselves in the field. All sorts and conditions of citizens are now interesting themselves in municipal affairs. This year we shall probably have the finest field on record to select the winners from. A healthy sign.

The Colonist hails with satisfaction our suggestion that there should be a political truce until after the holidays. How long after? We fear our contemporaries and their friends would prefer an armistice of indefinite length. These two vacancies in the cabinet and the deserted seat of Mr. Turner may be troubling the Lieut.-Governor as well as his advisers.

The peaceful state of the atmosphere here is in very marked contrast to the rambling state of the elements on the other side of the Rockies. We are indeed on the Pacific side of the continent.

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There's an enthusiasm in serving a great concourse of people that turns merchandising into merry making. This will be our merriest Christmas season. We are serving greater throngs than ever. The night before Christmas is high. If you feel perplexed or unable to find any gift new enough for your purpose, come here and you will find something suitable.

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1,350 yards (more or less) of Fancy Neck Ribbons and Plain Taffetas, 6 to 8 inches in width. We have put in this lot Ribbons that were 35c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard, and will sell them all at 25c. a yard.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Also 420 yards of Fancy Inch Ribbon. THURSDAY, 5c. yard
5c. Baby Mire Ribbon. THURSDAY, 2c. yard

Bargain Leaders for Thursday--Handkerchiefs

100 doz. White Lawn Handkerchiefs, with three rows of fancy stitching, plain borders. THURSDAY, 3 for 10c
Lace Edge Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered; usual value 25c. THURSDAY, 3 for 50c
Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, pure linen. THURSDAY, 2 for 25c
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs. THURSDAY, 20c. each

GLOVE SPECIALS

Guaranteed Kid Gloves (unpressed) grey only; usual value \$1.25. THURSDAY, 50c. pair
A Fresh Stock of Tregousse Gloves, all colors. THURSDAY, \$1.50 pair

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JAPANESE MANTLE DRAPES—All shades, embroidered in silk. \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.75, \$6.00, \$6.50 each.
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JAPANESE SATIN TABLE COVERS—Embroidered in silk. \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.00 each.
JAPANESE SILK CHAIR DRAPES—Embroidered in silk and gold. 65c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.25 each.
JAPANESE SILK CUSHION COVERS—All Shades—Embroidered in silk and gold. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.75 each.
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ART SATIN CUSHION COVERS, with frills. \$5.50, \$6.50, \$8.00, \$9.00 each.
LITHOGRAPH CUSHION TOPS. 50c., 75c., \$1.00 each.
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WORK BASKETS, satin lined. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.75 each

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CUT GLASS SUGAR AND CREAM SETS. \$4.50 set
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CUT GLASS AND SILVER FLOWER STANDS. \$2.00 each
CUT GLASS AND SILVER TOILET BOTTLES. \$2.50 each
CUT GLASS AND SILVER SWEET SALT BOTTLES. 50c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 each

ELECTRO SILVER-PLATED WARE

PICKLE FORKS, FISH FORKS, BREAD FORKS, BUTTER KNIVES, FRUIT KNIVES, SUGAR SPOONS, JELLY SPOONS, with ivory and pearl handles. 75c., \$1.00 each
CHILDREN'S KNIFE, FORK AND SPOON SETS, in velvet lined leather cases. \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.50 each
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NEW GLASSWARE

SEE THE ASSORTMENT ON THE 25c. TABLE TO-DAY.
Handkerchief Boxes, Trinket Cases, Collar Boxes, Candle Holders, Ring Holders, Pin Trays and Other Glassware, at 25c., that will surprise you.



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Ties make useful presents; you can't make a mistake in giving one. They're always acceptable.
FOUR-IN-HAND TIES. 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00
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PUFF TIES. 25c., 50c. and 75c.
NEW STYLES in Made-Up Ties. 50c.
OXFORD MUFFLERS. 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25
See the assortment of Ties on the 25c. Table TO-DAY.

Sale of Silk Dress Skirts on Thursday

3 Taffeta Silk Skirts TO-DAY, tucked, plain, circular flounce; regular \$17.50—THURSDAY. \$13.50
2 Plain Taffeta Skirts, circular flounce, trimmed, 6 rows of fancy trimming; regular \$20—THURSDAY. \$16.00
4 Taffeta Silk Skirts, body tucked, circular flounce, trimmed, 6 rows frilled ribbon; regular \$20—THURSDAY. \$16.00
2 Seven-gored Taffeta Skirts, bottom trimmed, 3 frills, headed and edged with chiffon pleating; regular \$25—THURSDAY. \$20.00
4 Taffeta Skirts, body tucked, 2 circular flounces, trimmed rows of frilled ribbon; regular \$25—THURSDAY. \$20.00

To the Public

All trains on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway will be cancelled on the 25th inst.—Christmas Day.

JOSEPH HUNTER,
General Supt.
16th December, 1901.

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Solid Gold, 14 Karat,
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AT FIT-REFORM

The festive season is almost here—something more tangible than greetings—would be acceptable to those who are near and dear to us—what say you?



"Fit-Reform Smoking Jackets"

Handsome made, large variety in Cloths, Silk Brocades and fancy patterns—"Call," pleasure to show them.

Umbrellas for Ladies and Gentlemen

A choice assortment Neckwear, Fancy Vests, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Etc., specially imported for Xmas trade.

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DELIGHTFUL XMAS PRESENTS

Are numerous in our big stock of
Perfumes, Toilet Articles, Mir-
rors, Fancy Leather and Cellu-
loid Goods, Atomizers, Etc.

Many choice things from which the
modern Santa Claus can make a safe
selection. These goods will make the
recipients' heart glad, and they are not
expensive either.

BOWES.

HE DISPENSES PRESCRIPTIONS,
28 Government Street, Near Yates Street.
OPEN ALL THE TIME.

JEWELRY

For Christmas

Gifts are best selected ahead. We
have laid in a splendid stock for the
holiday trade, which it will pay you
to examine. We have a new and
different stock of rings in all the
latest settings. Diamond rings at
\$5 to \$200. You can make your
selection now and we will hold them
for delivery.

J. WENGER, Jeweler,
90 Government Street,
VICTORIA B. C.



Christmas Bargains!

IN ORDER TO WIND UP OUR

Retail Dry Goods Business

We offer our entire stock of Dress Goods, Jackets, Gloves, Hosiery,
Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Purses, Umbrellas, as well as a com-
plete line of House Furnishings at greatly reduced prices. Study
your own advantage, and call before purchasing elsewhere at

THE STERLING,

39 Government Street.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 18-5 a. m.—Since yester-
day an important storm area has crossed
northern British Columbia to Alberta,
where it has caused high winds and snow
and sleet. As the barometer is again ris-
ing over this province weather is likely
to become more settled. Light rains have
fallen on the Lower Mainland and Vanco-
uver Island, while from the Sound south-
ward the weather remains fair, and sharp
frosts have again extended to Columbia.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate
winds, chiefly north and east, mostly
cloudy, with much rain. Temperature—
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, partly cloudy, with frosts at night.
Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.44; temperature,
40; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain,
.07; weather, rain.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.46; tem-
perature, 38; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles
N. E.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.14; temperature,
29; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather,
clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.09; tempera-
ture, 24; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather,
clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; tem-
perature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 6 miles
S.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Grand line of purses and wallets, at
Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

—For Xmas: An easy chair or a foot-
stool is just the thing. All kinds at
Smith & Champion's.

—The Yorkshire "tykes" will banquet
to-morrow night at the Victoria Cafe.
Already a goodly number of tickets have
been sold for this enjoyable event.

Morley's Hosiery at The White House.
New supply just in.

—Ladies! Why pay more for inter-
ior tea, when we can give you the very best
for 5c? Direct Importing Tea & Coffee
Co., cor. Douglas and Johnson Sts.

—At the parsonage last evening Rev.
Elliott S. Rowe united Ernest Patterson,
of Chicago, and Mrs. Louise Grove, of
Seattle, in the holy bonds of matrimony.

**Sportsmen, get your shotgun car-
tridges from Henry Short & Sons, and
be sure of the best. All kinds on hand
at lowest prices.**

COME ONE, COME ALL

Now is the time to examine our stock of
fine Perfumes and Toilet Articles.
Choice Chocolates in fancy packages, just
arrived; all sizes and prices. Come and let
us show them to you.
F. W. FAWCETT & CO.,
Cheilists, 40 Government St.

—There are two and a half hours of
honest and wholesome fun to be gotten
out of "The Wrong Mr. Wright," and
Mr. Geo. H. Broadhurst carries his three
acts along without dropping the interest
before he unravels the tangle that is
made by Harry Beresford, as "Reynold
Rites," with the able assistance of J. J.
Cokeman's competent company of play-
ers, and all who attend the Victoria
theatre to-night are promised a most
most charming kind. The London, Eng-
land, Times, of November 17th, 1890, said:
"In spite of its semi-English atmosphere,
"The Wrong Mr. Wright" won hands-
ome success. The service will be con-
ducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

—Waterman Fountain Pens at Vic-
toria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

—The most acceptable Christmas pre-
sent is a \$10 scrip in the Exploration
Co., worth \$10,000 next April.

—Have your cozy corners made and
upholstered done to order by Smith &
Champion, 100 Douglas street. (Phone
718.)

**Perrin's Kid Gloves at The White
House—\$1.00 pair, guaranteed.**

—A family group about Xmas time
will be just the thing. Have it taken
at Skene Lowe's studio, 63 Government
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**The popular steamer Rosalie sails at
9 a. m. daily, except Saturday, from
Hudson's Bay Co.'s Wharf for Seattle
and other Puget Sound Points. E. E.
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—Every article of our immense stock
of Cut Glass marked in plain figures at
prices far below Toronto or Montreal.
Parties having bought elsewhere can
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the dollar. Stoddard's Jewellery Store,
63 Yates street.

**Have you tried our soft shell wal-
nuts, 20 cents per pound? Moray &
Wallace, grocers, corner Yates and
Douglas streets.**

—Scratch your head till you are bald
and you can think of no more sensible
Xmas gift for the home than one of
those Carving Sets, Fish Sets or Desert
Sets we are showing. All the finest cut
glassware imported direct from Eng-
land. Challoner & Mitchell.

—The Sabbath school entertainment
and Christmas treat of St. Paul's church,
Victoria West, will be held in Semple's
hall on Friday evening next. As a
result of careful training for a number
of weeks past, the children will give an
excellent programme of songs, recita-
tions and tableaux.

—The Western Union Telegraph Com-
pany announces a radical reduction in
cable rates commencing from January
1st. The rate per word to Cape Colony
from London has been reduced to 75
cents, as well as to Australia, Tasmania
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This Oil gives a bright and clean
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—Don't miss getting a share in the
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sails.

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—Shooting match at L. O. Demers's,
Oakdale Park, Colwood, on Saturday,
21st December, for geese, etc.

—The totals of the Victoria clearing
house for the week ending December
17th were \$318,855, balance, \$139,824.

—A drunk was fined \$2.50 in the police
court this morning. The case of W.
Walker, charged with not supporting his
family was remanded until Monday
next.

—This afternoon at the Dominion
hotel Rev. W. Leslie Clay united in mar-
riage Mr. Herman Stoll of San Juan,
and Mrs. Minnie Cook of Tacoma,
Washington.

—The adjourned session of the board
of licensing commissioners is in progress
in the council chamber, city hall, this
afternoon. The board still has the St.
George's inn case under consideration.

—A summons has been issued for Alice
Smithurst, who will be charged in the
police court with vagrancy. She only
recently served imprisonment for break-
ing a window in the Bee Hive saloon.

—The favorite route from this city to
Nanaimo is now by the Victoria &
Sidney railway and steamer "Innis-
fail." Train leaves every Monday and Thurs-
day at 7 a. m. Single fare \$1.50. Re-
turn, good for ten days, \$2.50.

**Tom and Jerry and hot free lunch at
Steele's Saloon, Station Square.**

—Wealth of Beauty—What a wealth
of beauty there is in a piece of rich Cut
Glass. How appropriate and how ac-
ceptable as a Xmas gift. We carry the
best makes. No argument necessary if
you see our display. Challoner &
Mitchell.

—The remains of the late J. W. Flem-
ing will be laid to rest to-morrow. The
funeral took place from the family resi-
dence, 34 North Chatham street, and the
religious services were conducted by Rev.
R. B. Blyth, assisted by Rev. J. G.
Hastings.

—Major Wilson, of the Black Watch,
will lecture on his experiences with the
famous corps on Friday night in Pioneer
hall. In addition to the members of the
Veterans' Association, all members of
the different branches of the United
Service represented here will be cordially
welcomed.

—Two meetings are listed for this eve-
ning, namely, that of the directors of the
Royal Jubilee hospital, which is to be held
in the board rooms at 5 o'clock, and a
special meeting of the council of the city
hall. The latter will consider the
report of the committee of the whole on
the bridge matter.

—The new High school is being rapidly
pushed to completion. A very large
staff of men have been finishing the
pressed brick gables, and the massive
roof, the slates for the latter having ar-
rived at Westminster from the East. The
interior of the building is almost ready
for the latter and plaster, for which
Thomas Catterall, the contractor, is
ready to receive tenders from all first
class plasterers. Great energy has been
shown by all parties connected with the
construction, and its speedy completion
in time can confidently be looked for.

—According to the Seattle P. L.: "A
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We've got so many things that
you need for Xmas that we are
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FANCY SLIPPERS

For everybody. Ladies' fine Kid,
Felt and Satin Slippers, gifts
that delight the heart of any
woman. AND THE LITTLE
TOYS we have all kinds of cute
little Slippers for them.

JUST THINK

If any of your friends presented
you with a pair of

HANNAN SHOES

At Xmas, would any other gift
you received delight you more?
Well, remember the Golden Rule.
"Do unto others," etc.

Shoe Emporium

Corner Government and Johnson Streets.

—Clam chowder and oyster cocktails
at the Senate.

—Bridge, the new card game, at Vic-
toria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

**The new Christmas neckwear for
ladies has arrived at The White House.**

—The lights which have been erected
along Esquimaux road by the B. C.
Electric Railway Company are proving
of inestimable value, both to those who
travel that way and to the motorists of
the cars.

—A. Piers, superintendent of the
steamship department of the C. P. R.
Company, went out to quarantine this
morning, where he is making a personal
inspection of the convalescents there pro-
vided for the quarantining of ships.

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—Cloth-bound books reduced in price
1/4, 1/2 and 3/4. Johnston, Douglas street.

The Cuthbert,
Browne Co., Ltd.FINAL
AUCTION

Books,
Typewriter,
ETC.

To-morrow, Thursday,
At 2 p. m.

The sale will include all the Story Books,
Works of Fiction, etc., unsold at yesterday's
sale, and a fine new lot of

Illustrated Books

Including Hogarth's Works, Histories of
England and Ireland, and a lot of other
works too numerous to mention.
Auction of Furniture on an early date.
Auctions arranged or furnished houses
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Men's Christmas
Presents

We have been catering to the fancies of the men for a
good many years, and we are able to give you some good
practical hints as to the kind of Christmas presents the gentle-
men appreciate.

We have special goods in all these lines—
Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Umbrellas, Choice Neckwear, Dress-
ing Jackets, Silk Mufflers, Dressing Gowns, Fancy Hosiery,
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Don't procrastinate. Do your shopping early.

Geo. R. Jackson

XMAS

Less than two weeks till Christmas, and think of all that is to be done.
For several years this store has provided for your wants.
Never have we been better prepared to serve you with a larger Xmas stock
and greater variety, all well and carefully bought.
Only by a personal visit can you get any idea what we have for you.
Our goods are within the reach of every purse. NOW is the BEST TIME
TO COME and make your selection before the best things are sold out. You
can do it more quietly and get better attention. Let the children come with
you and gladden their young hearts.

The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.
PHONE 28. 39 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET.

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There's only one post office in this town and
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"Slater Shoes" from any other dealer here.

The manufac-
turers make this
rule so that they
can keep tabs
on their differ-
ent agents and
always have
their selections
up to the times.

All "Slater
Shoes" are
Goodyear Well-
ed, perfectly
smooth inside, no lumps or threads
under the foot.

To be a genuine "Slater" the sole must be
stamped with the makers' trade mark, a slate
frame with name and price. \$5.50 and \$4.00.

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SOLE LOCAL AGENTS.

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Cheap Goods

But we do guarantee to give a
first-class article at a reasonable
figure.

Our aim is to give satisfaction,
and when goods are not as re-
presented, we would esteem it a
great favor to have them return-
ed.

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Finest horses, buggies, phaetons and carts

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Latest and up-to-date hacks, all fitted

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Having greatly increased our stock of
heavy teams, trucks and wagons, we are
prepared to contract for hauling BUILDING
MATERIAL, GRAVEL, SAND, LUMBER, or
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Christmas Cakes

Plum Puddings

And Mince Meat, are the best that skill

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Short Bread to your Scotch friends. Spe-
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Anything you require in the Musical line.

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Regina Music Boxes

In all sizes.

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Of all kinds for the children.

Banjos, Guitars, Violins,

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In fact everything you require.

Call and judge for yourselves.

Xmas Garlands for decorating are the
prettiest things on the market, 15 cents
each.Ping Pong sets. Golf supplies, etc.
etc.

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44 GOVERNMENT STREET.

MEN
LIKE
GIFTS

Of wearables; they want some-
thing good, though it needn't be
expensive. Here, then, is the
stock to do the buying from.
Nothing is over-priced.

New Neckwear

A big shipment of delayed Xmas
neckwear arrived to-day. Owing
to its late arrival we have mark-
ed it a third less than usual.

25c. Silk Bows

silk lining, splendid patterns;
50c. silk four-in-hand ties, made
up seams, flowing end, Dobbies,
hundreds of new patterns, very
choice silks, and all at 50 cents.

50c. Initial Hdkfs.

22 inches square, 1 1/2 inch border.

FIRST DAWSON MAIL.

Party's Terrible Trip, in the Tanana Country—Was a Desperate Circumstance.

Eighteen bags of Dawson and Yukon mail, the first to arrive by regular carrier since the closing of navigation, has arrived from the North, and part was distributed in this city yesterday.

News is contained in the Dawson papers of a terrible experience which befell Martin O'Connor, formerly of Seattle, and two companions in the Tanana country. They spent the summer prospecting on the Chena river, at the head of the Tanana. The burning of the cabin from unknown origin, and day while they were at work, threw them into the awful predicament of having to subsist for a week while they searched for help on a small bucket of flour, the only thing saved from the flames.

The party set out for Eagle City, a long journey over the Tanana divide. After three days' hard and weary travel on the little nourishment furnished by the flour, they found they had lost the proper trail. Heart sick over their failure, they turned back, and for three more days, even more tedious and wearisome than before, they retraced their steps, until they came at last to the point from which they had originally started. In the meantime their little store of sustenance had given out, and they were almost famished. They slept that night with no cover other than the heavens. The next morning they started on a small bucket of flour, hoping to reach Eagle City.

After only a few hours' hard walking they came on a cabin, and their hearts rose with anticipation. They hastened to it in the hope of finding something to satisfy their craving hunger. The cabin was empty. They had to trudge on hungry. They were then on some creek whose name they did not know, and they followed it down for four hours, when they came to another cabin. They searched this thoroughly for food, but did not find a morsel. Then O'Connor's two companions lay down, almost dead from their long starvation. O'Connor pluckily kept up, and went about the premises in search of something, hoping there might still be some outside. His perseverance was rewarded by finding a cache nearby. In it were canned fruits, beef extract and vegetables. He quickly notified the others, and they soon were satisfying their hunger. The party remained at the cache three days and nights, eating and resting, and for their extraordinary trials and trials. They then continued forward, and after leaving the cache they saw no one on the stream. The creek for its entire length was deserted, and O'Connor and his companions did not know where food it was saved their lives.

Leaving this creek the party came to another, and ten hours later came upon a prospecting hole. This man told them he was on Slaty creek, three days' travel from Eagle.

This party pushed on for Eagle, reaching it at three days. There they met new outfits. They then returned to the Chena, where their cabin had been burned three weeks before. They prospecting three weeks longer, but not having sufficient provisions to carry them through the winter they came to Dawson.

LABOR TEMPLE.

First Meeting in New Labor Hall Was Held Last Night.

The first meeting in the new Labor Hall, which has been leased by a trustee board appointed by the Trades and Labor Council, was held last night. The Victoria Machinists' Union holding their regular session. This new meeting place for labor organizations is situated over the Foster building on the corner of Douglas and Johnson streets. The entrance is on Douglas street, the staircase which leads to the lobby being very wide. There are three halls, a committee room, ante-room and lobby.

The main hall is reached through an ante-room 6 by 12 feet. This hall has a seating capacity of from four to five hundred. The two smaller halls will hold one hundred and fifty and two hundred each, and will have ample accommodation for ordinary meeting purposes. The committee room is also quite commodious, having dimensions 18 by 15. The halls are lighted with electricity, and have every convenience. The trustees in charge are John Logan, chairman, J. D. McNiven, secretary, Geo. Leonard, treasurer, J. L. D. Kelly, F. H. Henshaw, and T. Masters.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Douglas Presents a Bell to R. C. Cathedral in Memory of Her Parents.

In an item in last night's Times referring to a new bell which has been presented to St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral in this city, it was erroneously stated that the bell was the gift of a lady in Troy.

This is a mistake. The bell is presented by Mrs. J. W. Douglas, as a memorial to her deceased parents, her father, Hon. A. C. Elliot, having been twice Premier of British Columbia.

Mrs. Douglas is remaining in Victoria for some time longer on business in connection with the estate of her son, Messrs. Jas. and John Douglas.

FACTS ABOUT RUBIES.

All the world loves a ruby—or should; and all who know their fascination will welcome some news of them which has been given currency by a Paris technical journal, Le Diamant, which are of timely interest to the gem-loving and the gem-buying public of this city.

There are three varieties, Oriental, Siamese, and the spinel. The first is the most beautiful of all colored gems. They are becoming more and more scarce, and their weight is raised to twenty fold the price of diamonds. The best come from Ceylon, India and China.

The Siamese rubies are very dark red, the spinel is less rich colored. The large red ruby known as one of the crown jewels of Russia. The Shah of Persia has a ruby of 175 karats. Gustavus Adolphus, Sweden had one of the size of a small egg and of perfect water, which was presented to the Crown of Russia in 1677. In 1791 France had in its crown jewels eighty-one Oriental rubies.

Gems of small intrinsic value are just now commanding prices higher than they would be valued at by experts, which is played the card with stones which become fashionable, and it is a safe rule that those who buy stones of this class should exercise the same care they would in purchasing diamonds. The demand has called out a large number of second and third class rubies, and their hiding places in new mountings they are masquerading as jewels of great value.

The ruby is slightly lustrous, and not a few are worn, which are only of the grade of paste diamonds, and are sold on the part of their owners that they are not what they are assumed to be. No rubies in design, rubies are to be had in the markets of Europe or America. These worth buying for investment are snapped up on sight by the gem buyers, and the person who purchases from them will in every instance pay their value.

PAID 15 WOMEN. I gave Dr. Low's Worm Syrup to my little girl two and one-half years old; the result was that she passed fifteen round worms in five days.

Mrs. B. Roy, Kilmarnock, Ont.

SPORTING.

THE TRUP.

REPORT DENIED.
(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—The stewards of the Jockey Club deny the report circulated in the United States by a news agency that at their meeting yesterday it was decided that Lester Reiff, the American jockey, whose license was revoked in October, is entitled to apply for a license in 1902. No action in regard to Reiff was taken at the meeting.

THE WHEEL.

THE SIX-DAY RACE.
New York, Dec. 18.—"Bobby" Walcott, of Atlanta, Ga., of the team of McEachern and Walcott, of Atlanta, Ga., to-night won the six-day contest at the Madison Square Garden. He crossed the tape two yards ahead of Wilson. Then came Munro, Babcock, Butler and Samuelson. Hall and McLaren, Fredericks and Jack, and Lawton and Julius were scored officially though the teams had left the race previous to the finish.

The prizes the riders contended for were seven in number as follows: First prize, \$1,500; second prize, \$1,000; third prize, \$750; fourth prize, \$500; fifth prize, \$250; sixth prize, \$250; seventh prize, \$150.

In addition, the management agreed to pay the training expenses of all men who remained in the race the allotted six days. Sixteen hundred people saw the finish of the race when Walcott crossed the tape two yards ahead of Wilson. Munro was about five yards behind. Babcock and Butler crossed the tape out a lachet apart.

Albert Champion, the Frenchman, while giving an exhibition, crashed into the railing on the top of the track, and was thrown into the air, and was carried from the track. It is feared that, besides his bruises, he has received a bad arm.

LACROSSE.

REPLY TO THE CHALLENGE.
An answer to the challenge from the New Westminster Lacrosse Club for a match for the Minto cup has been received by the secretary, H. Ryan, from P. Ross, of Ottawa, one of the trustees. The challenge has been forwarded to the Shamrock club with a recommendation for its acceptance, and New Westminster is recommended to open communication with the Shamrock club direct in the spring. The letter follows:

"Dear Sir: Your challenge to the Shamrock Lacrosse Club for a contest for the Minto cup has been forwarded to the Shamrock club with a recommendation for its acceptance. The regulations which the trustees framed last summer provide that matches for the cup shall be played on the grounds of the home city, so that the trustees permit to name Winnipeg or a British Columbia city for the contest. The trustees would agree to any place and conditions which might be agreed upon; but in default of an agreement between the clubs the match be played otherwise than according to the regulations.

"The trustees would request the New Westminster club to write to the Shamrock club early next spring, suggesting a date or dates for the contest. If the two clubs should desire to be one week apart, an agreement as to whether one or more matches be played, or as to date or dates, the trustees will ask each club to state its case, and will give a decision. We would much prefer, however, to have the clubs agree themselves in all matters, and what ever might be agreed on in any respect would be welcome to the trustees.

"In answer to your query as to the basis upon which the trustees of the Minto cup deal with the challenge of the Vancouver Y. M. C. A. Lacrosse Club, I may say that the Vancouver club—not being champions of a senior lacrosse league, the challenge was left to the option of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, holders of the cup, who have to accept the challenge."

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W. A. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

Re John Poole, Deceased.

Pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of John Poole, deceased, who died on the 24th day of April, 1901, of whose personal estate and effects letters of administration were, on the 6th day of December, 1901, granted to Henry Sleight, of Victoria, British Columbia, as attorney for Louis Poole, are hereby required to send particulars of their claims and demands, and of the securities (if any) held by them respectively, to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1902, verified by statutory declaration, after which the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts, claims and demands of those who have had notice; and for the assets or any part thereof, so administered and distributed, he will not be liable to any person who has not had notice, and all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the said administrator.

Dated the 6th day of December, 1901.

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S. S. "Charmers".
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A departure from last year's rule has been made this year by the management, which relieves the store proper of the congestion to which it was subjected last Christmas. Entrance is by the Port street side, and the quarters of Kris Kringle are in the basement. Here, several scenes have been prepared for the delight of the youngsters. One, "The Night Before Xmas," depicts the anticipatory joys of a little girl, the scene features being effected by the aid of evergreen, cotton batting and frosting. In another section is Jack the Giant Killer standing triumphantly over the prostrate body of the giant into whose huge form he has thrust his sword. The scenery here is very effective, and the costuming of Jack the Giant Killer beautiful in the extreme.

The Mecca of all the youthful visitors, however, is Santa's cave, where he in person distributes his big supply of sweets. It was an interesting and a child nature today to watch the varying ways in which they approached their mythical benefactor.

From Santa's grotto there is a road leading through to the dip ponds, where, for a trifle, the sphere of the child's enjoyment may be still further enlarged by exploring the mysteries of the saw dust ponds.

In the main portion of the building the same care has been bestowed as in former years to make it an objective for the Christmas shopper. The management have dropped the evergreen-decoration and colored light display, preferring the white and cream silk decorations, and the white light, holding that the colors of the illuminations have a tendency to affect the hue of the goods to the purchaser's eye.

An attractive counter to the holiday purchaser is the one found opposite the entrance, where the finest of handkerchiefs, and similar goods are displayed. A striking display is also being made of ebony and silverware, which are just now so popular, and which have been found to be great favorites with the customers of the establishment.

There is also shown a ample line of linens, of silk comforters and of Batture lace fabrics. On the gallery at the back of the store, refectory and boys' overcoats, and other clothing are shown, while the body of the store is taken up with the staples.

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LEGAL NEWS.

Before Mr. Justice Walker in chambers this morning, application was made in the administration action, Hartlett vs. Tarkenton, to fix dates for proving creditors' claims. H. M. Chisholm and H. C. Lawson represented the plaintiff, Alan Dumbarton and L. Hood the estate. E. Gregory obtained a direction that money received by the estate in connection with premises in regard to which his client, Collier, makes claim, should not be parted with without leave of the court, and Jan. 6th was fixed for making proof of claim. E. Gregory, representing E. Angus, mortgagee, obtained the approval of the court to an arrangement as to rents arrived at between parties; and on behalf of a creditor, Brown, whom Mr. Gregory appears for, Jan. 7th was fixed for proving claim. J. H. Haskins, representing creditors, Matthews & Son, Patton, and B. C. Gold Storage, was directed to prove claims on Jan. 11th.

R. G. Goward, on behalf of a judgment creditor, obtained an order allowing service of notice of attachment upon Messrs. Tupper, Peters & Griffin as solicitors for Mrs. Dunscombe, in Loweberg, Harris & Co. vs. Dunscombe.

Thos. Spaul, committed for trial on a charge of stealing \$81 from Mrs. Lindsay, came before Judge Walker for election. The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and elected for speedy trial before a judge without jury. The trial will take place at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

J. T. Pearce, proprietor of the Telegraph Hotel, called at the police station this afternoon and reported the loss of a couple of blankets from his place. He suspects a sealer who has shipped on one of the schooners.

When the Blakeley returns in April next with \$15,000,000 you will be glad you had an interest in it. The Pacific Exploration & Development Co., Ltd., are selling their stock at \$10 per share. There are over 200 shareholders in Victoria, some of whom have a large interest.

E. B. Hussey, purchasing agent of the White Pass & Yukon railroad, is in the city for the purpose of obtaining some new equipment in the shape of sleighs for the stage service to Dawson.

The Turpel shipyard will be one of the busiest places in town during the next fortnight. There are at present on the ways the schooners Vera and Casco receiving a cleaning and painting, and the schooner, the Victoria and Zillah May will be hauled out. Already about nine of the sailing fleet have been on the ways, while upwards of 30 more are to be overhauled before going to sea. All this work will be done before mid January.

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—A large number enjoyed the excellent entertainment given under the direction of J. G. Brown in Temperance hall last night. The first part consisted of an ideal representation of a farm, the farmer, his hands, and even the pump and milk cans playing conspicuous parts. The farmers were Messrs. Brown and C. King. R. C. Wilson was the pump, W. D. Kinnaird, a young rustic, Miss Scowcroft, the maid; Geo. Redman, the chaff; and Misses Gilchrist and Bernice Scowcroft, and Messrs. D. Ross and Kinnaird, the milk cans. Miss L. Scowcroft was the farmer's wife, while other parts were well filled by capable entertainers. Songs, quartettes and various selections were rendered admirably, while a milking stool drill by eight young ladies was a feature of the entertainment. Quartettes were sung by Messrs. Brown, Wilson, Redman and Kinnaird, all of which were encored. A dainty supper, served by young ladies of the farm, terminated the evening's pleasure.

—When the Blakeley returns in April next with \$15,000,000 you will be glad you had an interest in it. The Pacific Exploration & Development Co., Ltd., are selling their stock at \$10 per share. There are over 200 shareholders in Victoria, some of whom have a large interest.

—The Turpel shipyard will be one of the busiest places in town during the next fortnight. There are at present on the ways the schooners Vera and Casco receiving a cleaning and painting, and the schooner, the Victoria and Zillah May will be hauled out. Already about nine of the sailing fleet have been on the ways, while upwards of 30 more are to be overhauled before going to sea. All this work will be done before mid January.

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